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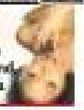
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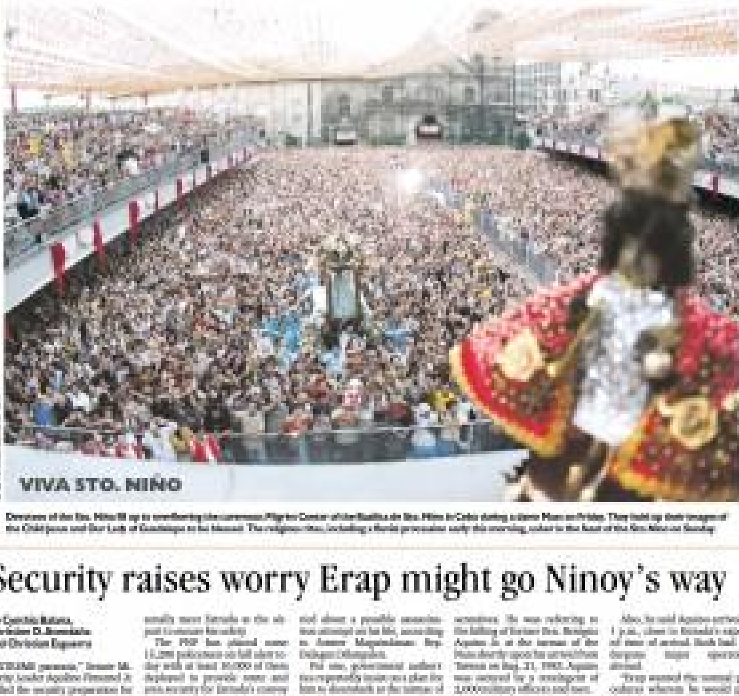
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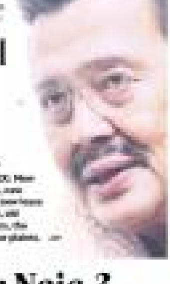
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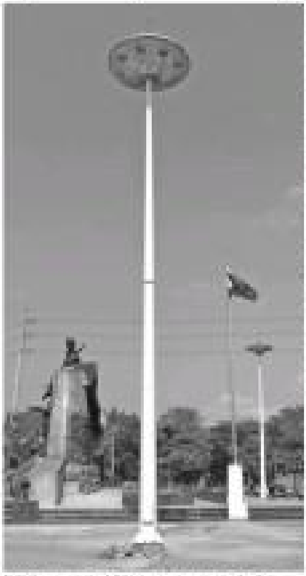
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RP LADIES

Gritty Jayvie nails it after shoot-out

By [illegible]

FLASHING a magical short game, Jayvie Agojo shot a two-under-par 69 despite hitting only four greens on the back nine yesterday to win the [illegible] Philippine Ladies Amateur Open at the Manila Golf Club.

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DOLE RULING ON LUISITA CASE

Union execs fired for illegal strike



Tarlac sugar planters move to save crops

Top Metro cop scores 'bogus' raid on Islamic center

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MCLE SEMINARS FOR LAWYERS

Pacquiao to sell ‘war’ in Mexico

Big payday for Filipino ring hero







Respect earned

Least worried

Much stronger

Perfect foe

Gritty Jayvie nails it after shoot-out



Koreans capture 3 RP Int’l jungolf crowns in style



Archers seek last q’final berth

NSAs giving PSC unprecedented show of support

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Profits surged by 66%

Nightmare for BIR

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To offset negative effects

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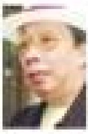
By Al S. Mendoza

HONG KONG—The Philippines is virtually assured of hosting again the ABC Championship, Asia's premiere basketball event that was last staged in Manila when all the 12 PBA players in the national pool of candidates weren't born yet.

Basketball unity



CHING: Strong bid



GO: Big plans

12 years ago

44 countries

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RTU, Polytechnic bets share honors

Lipa hosts swim competition

Sea Dragons tilt draws 1,000

Fastest Kill derby tomorrow

Shell slips past weary Purefoods



Asi lawyer welcomes DOJ appeal



TAULAVA

AIM strikes again

SPECTATOR



Al S. Mendoza

The WORLD

UN urges Jakarta to drop troop deadline

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia—The UN urged Indonesia not to impose a deadline on foreign troops providing relief assistance in tsunami-hit Aceh province, while President George W. Bush predicted Friday that US aid would help defeat Islamic extremists.

US scales back hopes for Iraq vote



10 years after Kobe, Japan preparedness still an issue

Prince Charles orders Harry to visit Auschwitz



Rappers enlisted to make Einstein youth-friendly

Militants defy Abbas peace call, kill 6 Israeli workers in Gaza

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Episcopalian clerics regret consecrating 1st gay bishop

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BERNARDINO

UAAP football: Ateneo opens title defense

PSA AWARDS NIGHT

Among stars, Jenny shines brightest



IT WAS the night of sports' biggest stars. Even Manny Pacquiao, who couldn't make it because he is in the US training for a comeback fight, managed to beam a little message to extend his thanks for being named the Philippine Sportswriters' Association Sportsman of the Year for yet another time.











Clark hosts RP motocross second round



AGUILAR

Milo BEST women's volleyball kicks off tomorrow



…NNIFER Rosales (second from left) receives her trophy from sports dignitaries. From left is Philsoc chair Roberto Pagdanganan, POC chief Jose "Peping" Cojuangco and PSA president Jimmy Cantor.



INQUIRER'S Rodolfo Malandino hands major awardee Josie Figueroa (archery) her trophy.



TAEKWONDO Olympian Maria Antoinette Rivero receives her award from the Inquirer's Francis Ochoa.



PSA Pony baseball founder Rodolfo Tingzon gets his trophy from the Inquirer's Marc Anthony Reyes.



INQUIRER special publications manager Jong Arcano awards Rolly Vicario, who represented Francisco Buenamano.



INQUIRER'S June Navarro awards Jon Maguit, who represented K-Gaston Anjus Julliane Manalo.



THE LATE darts legend Freddie Bean's children receive the posthumous award from the Inquirer's Jacinto W. Payo.



…RAY Reyes, representing billiards great Efren "Bata" Reyes, receives an award from the Inquirer's Rey Loarca.



HORSEOWNER Herman Eugenio and jockey Patti Ebenas show off their trophies.

Air Force subdues Army, bags football crown, cash

THE PHILIPPINE Air Force Football Club routed past Philippine Army FC, 2-0, and pocketed the P120,000 grand prize in the championship of the first Play Soccer, Make Peace tournament recently.

The Army squad didn't search home empty-handed as its runner-up finish earned its booty an P80,000 purse.

Finishing third for the P50,000 prize was the Philippine Navy Football Club, while the Blue Guards Football Club came in fourth and bagged the P40,000 purse.

Though eliminated from the championships, the rest of the eight top football teams that participated still went home with P20,000 each.

These included Mendiola Football Club, Taft Football Club, PHI Football Club and Diliman Football Club.

"It was a great way to start Play Soccer, Make Peace in the Philippines," international project director Joey Santillan said. "This year we promise to hold bigger and better tournaments as we lay out plans and programs nationwide."

Play Soccer, Make Peace is a worldwide initiative to promote peace and well-being through the internationally popular game of football.

Santillan and Philippine Football Federation president Juan Miguel Romualdez put together eight of the country's top football teams for the matches held at the Ultra stadium and University of the Philippines Diliman. Many of the players of the participating teams are among the best of the country and have participated in the recent Tiger Cup competition in Malaysia organized by the Asian Football Federation.

WNCAA competition resumes today

THE WNCAA season resumes play today with the athletics events at the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex and lawn tennis at the Rizal Memorial courts.

Tennis will be played until tomorrow along with swimming, taekwondo and badminton.

College of Saint Benilde is the defending seniors champion in athletics, swimming and tennis.

In the juniors level, the defending champions are St. Stephen's High School (athletics), St. Scholastica's College (swimming) and Angelicum College (tennis).

The WNCAA 35th season is co-presented by Belo and sponsored by adidas, The Philippine Star, RPN 9, Mossimo Radio 88.3 LS, Pentone and Cafe Lupe, in cooperation with Cadbury, Goldilocks, Powerade, Mabuy, Mikasa and Cranston.

The WNCAA concluded the basketball, volleyball, indoor football and junior cheerleading events last year.

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

OPINION



Kid in a candy shop

EDITORIAL

"THREE days are gone. I have responsibilities now," Joseph Estrada told Agence France-Presse the other day. He was responding to media reports that he was living it up and partying in Hong Kong following his knee operation. But who did the disgraced former president he think he was kidding? Frankly, at the rate Hong Kong has been scandalized by his stay the only person left to fool is himself.

When Estrada pleaded to anyone who would listen that "I am dinner with friends, what is wrong with that? And the authorities would not give me leave to have a haircut before I came here, so I brought over my barber. Where is the harm in that?" he quite possibly thought he was entitled to some luxuries after his rather luxurious detention at home. The statement, in fact, summarizes what was—and is—wrong with Estrada: he has such a total lack of propriety he shoots himself in the foot and then complains of the pain.

Estrada has announced that he is coming home. People should believe it when they see it. But even if he does return, the fact is his biggest enemy is himself.

After having rented a 2,700-square-foot flat at the Parkview in Hong Kong, after hosting dinner there for his family and his former Cabinet members and their wives, after having rented rooms in the hospital he was staying in (one reportedly just for the purpose of holding a round-the-clock buffet) and after flying his barber to Hong Kong on business class—no rational person can believe that Estrada is a new man. He is the same man who turned a formidable mandate into a people power revolution.

The behavior of Estrada in Hong Kong, where he underwent knee surgery, has been similar to that of a spoiled kid let loose in a candy shop. He stuffed his face, indulged his senses, spent wads and wads of cash. When he was called to task for his actions, he whined and cried.

This is the same man who says he has discovered God, who says he was at death's door several times, only to petulantly go against the authorities if they dared impose conditions to his requests for medical treatment. This is the man who says he wants to uphold the rule of law but turns law enforcers tasked with supervising him into lackeys condoning his breaking the rules. This is the same man who pleads poverty but has his barber flown to Hong Kong, and business class at that.

It shouldn't be surprising to anyone anymore that if Estrada is given an inch, he'll take a mile. He's been that way all his life. Still, it is galling that he grumbles about justice delayed, when he has intervened to ensure his trial would be delayed long enough to offer the prospects of a pardon in case of the election of his best friend. It is outrageous that he complains of his health, after he kept using his knees as a bargaining chip to get precisely the kind of trip he wanted. It is ridiculous that he claims to be in reduced circumstances when, locally and internationally, he has used every stratagem to make sure he can enjoy the utmost luxury.

To be sure, Estrada has also gotten a lot of help from a Palace that remains paranoid about his waning popularity. An imprisoned has-been still puts the fear of the mob in the mind of an administration that is possibly even more unpopular than Estrada. If Estrada shoots himself in the foot time and again, the administration seems to derive a perverse joy from making sure it gets hit by the ricocheting bullet.

Estrada has proven himself not only unrepentant, but incapable of not causing mischief. The government has given him every consideration, to the extent of being an accomplice to the delays and special consideration that both help Estrada's defense and harm the prosecution's efforts.

"Recoup and revive the rule of law, we insist, and to someone this time," former Senate President Jovito Salonga now demands. We agree and so do most rational people, we believe. Estrada's scandalous behavior is not just the self-indulgence of a self-destructive politician. It is a national—and since his Hong Kong surgery, an international—disgrace. How much more must the justice system and our political landscape endure?

Enough is enough. Estrada is far too old to continue acting like a spoiled brat.

Is the CTA an administrative body?

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Joaquin G. Bernas?

Take a second look, Susan

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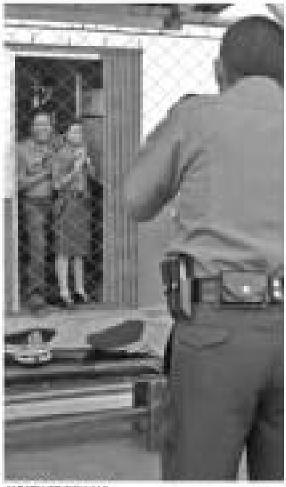


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Bomb found in Cotabato cathedral



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Tuguegarao folk mourn, rage over rape, slaying

IN MENINGO'S WAKE

Baguio flower fest faces postponement

BAGUIO CITY—The vastly popular Baguio Flower Festival or Panagbenga, which normally starts after Valentine's Day, will have to be postponed, if the Department of Health will have its way.

"Our advice is that it wouldn't hurt to postpone it for a couple of weeks," Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit said here.

Dayrit's main reason for the postponement is more on "psychological disposition" more than the fear of more meningococcal cases because of the crowded places which the festival will generate and which the health department is now warning against.

"If the perception of risk is very high, even if you prepared well, no one will come," he said.

Mayor Braulio Yaranon said that they would abide by the advice of health personnel but said that he would wait until Jan. 17 to give his announcement.

This year's Panagbenga is scheduled Feb. 19-28.

On Monday, the city will have its 10th day when no Baguio resident has contracted the disease and the DOH can then lower the meningococcemia alert imposed on the city.

Dr. Florence Reyes, head of the Baguio health department, said from Jan. 8-14, there were no cases of meningococcemia.



BAGUIO restaurant owners join a rally to declare the city safe from meningococcemia in a bid to woo back visitors to the northern resort city. [illegible]

Other cases

For the last 10 days, however, there were six suspected cases and two laboratory-confirmed cases.

Meningococcemia cases have also surfaced in other parts of the country.

In Cotabato City, health authorities said six persons who died recently had signs of meningococcemia.

Dr. Abdullah Dimaama, City Health Officer, said all six victims had no prior record of meningococcemia infection but blood clots in their bodies were a symptom of the disease.

Dr. Annie Silongan, director of the Cotabato Regional Medical Center, confirmed yesterday that there was one case of meningococcemia in the city but the patient survived.

Another meningococcemia case was reported Wednesday in nearby Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao by Dr. Lampa Pandi, regional secretary of the Department of Health in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

Blood clots

Two of the six who died of suspected meningococcemia in Cotabato City died in their sleep and their bodies and neck bore blood clots, although Dimaama said the presence of Neisseria was inconclusive of meningococcemia.

The four others who died lived in the same subdivision as the two and their relatives said they saw similar marks in their bodies.

In Puerto Princesa, officials took steps to project a meningococcemia-free city in preparation for the peak of the tourism season.

The city government met with local health officials, workers and convened the city disaster coordinating council to draw a plan to counter meningococcemia and to prevent a scare.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," said Dr. Alma Rivera, officer in charge of the Ospital ng Palawan.

Rivera and other health officials have been visiting local radio stations to educate the public about meningococcemia.

The Ospital ng Palawan has prepared two isolation rooms for suspected meningococcemia patients.

There is also an apparatus that could be used to detect the presence of meningococcemia or other virus in saliva or blood.

Rivera said the apparatus was donated by the Japan International Cooperation Agency to the provincial government but it has not been put to use yet. ***Frank Cimatu, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau; Jofelle Tesorio, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau; and Nash Maulana, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Quarry income down by half under Lapid son

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Doubts on the capability of Gov. Mark Lapid to lead have surfaced after the total collection from the quarry industry in 2004 reached only P10.5 million, which is 52 percent of the P20-million target.

"We are actually very disappointed with the level of the collection," Vice Gov. Joseller Guiao said of the reaction of the provincial board.

Of the P10.5 million, the net revenue of the provincial government amounted to only P4.5 million. The rest were distributed as shares of the towns and villages where Mt. Pinatubo's sand were hauled from.

Little revenues from quarry hardly solve the local fiscal woes and the big dependence on the national government. The provincial government does not see any increase in expenditures for social services and infrastructure this year, Guiao said.

"We will have to make do again with P737 million, which was last year's budget," he said.

In the 2004 budget, about P600 million came as internal revenue allotment or the local government's share from the national income.

The budget needed a 10 to 15 percent increase to support social services especially, it was learned.

Guiao said the provincial board had asked budget officer Nida Manabat and treasurer Vergel Valeza to explain the reasons for the low quarry revenue collection.

Lapid, the youngest governor in the country, could not be reached for comment. He left for the United States on Jan. 8 reportedly for an investment campaign in cities with large Filipino communities.

Provincial administrator Fidel Arevalo said Lapid vowed to improve the quarry income this year through improvements in the monitoring and collection system.

The governor's father, now Sen. Manuel Lapid, managed the quarry until he finished his third and last term in 2004. ***Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk***

INQUIRER *Visayas*

Killings, calamities and triumphs



ILOILO journalists light candles as they mourn the killings of journalists.

YEARENDER

Sensational killings

"Historic events," assassinations

Rising from the mud





Yao paces O'Neal, rival centers in All-Star vote



Sura fuels Rockets with career game



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Baseball adopts tough steroid program

Beltran, Mets woo slugger Delgado

Four share Sony Open lead; wind bedevils teenager Wie



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No moral authority

Bayan proposes collective leadership

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Coming . . .

Portable electricity

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What if there's no sun?

BUSINESS

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Foreign firms back gov't move on Naia 3

By Abigail L. Ho

THE FOREIGN Chambers of the Philippines, an umbrella organization of various foreign chambers of commerce, is pushing for the immediate opening of the controversial Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 (Naia 3).

In a statement, the group reiterated its support for the government's decision to expropriate the Naia 3 facility, saying it would be in the best interest of stakeholders to reach an amicable settlement at the soonest possible time.

"We believe it is justified given the importance of the facility and the inability after two years to reach any kind of agreement between the parties," the group said in a statement issued yesterday.

The group pointed out that due to the protracted dispute among the stakeholders, including the government, German airport operator Fraport AG and the Cheng family of Philippine International Air Terminals Co. Inc., the facility would just deteriorate even without being commercially operated.

Trade Secretary Cesar Purisima agreed with the foreign chambers, saying all stakeholders would benefit anyway when the Naia 3 becomes operational within this year.

"Stalling the opening of the Naia 3 complex will only turn off investors who are interested in doing business in the country. Even the foreign chambers have been clamoring for its opening in the soonest possible time," he said in a separate statement yesterday.

Instead of being "a thorn in the country's investment and tourism promotion" efforts, he said the Naia 3 complex should already be raking in revenues and contributing to the national economy.

The foreign chambers said the government's decision to expropriate the airport terminal was a "practical solution" to the Naia 3 problem.

However, certain conditions must also be met to ensure that all parties concerned would not find themselves at the losing end of the deal, the group said.

Efforts to reach an amicable and reasonable settlement amount as well as the payment method for that just compensation should continue. A fair and agreeable initial payment should also be made to the affected parties.

"The action of expropriation is always a risky action for any government. But there are times when it is clearly in the best national interest to do so, as long as fair and just compensation is paid," the group said.

Signatories of the statement included the American Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines Inc., Australian-New

TURN TO B2



OFW remittances surged 27.7% in November

By Doris C. Dumlao

DOLLARS sent home by overseas Filipino workers surged by 27.7 percent in November to $740 million from a year ago, still supported by the seasonal rise in money transfers for Christmas spending.

This brought the January-to-November OFW remittance level to $7.7 billion, or 11 percent better than the $6.9 billion posted in the same period last year.

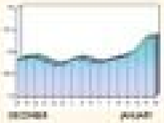
"This level already exceeds expectations of a 9-percent growth for the whole of 2004," Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Governor Rafael Buenaventura said yesterday.

TURN TO B2

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P 55.66 = $ 1
As of 5 p.m., Jan. 14, 2005

¥ 102.98 = $ 1
As of 5 p.m., Jan. 14, 2005

GOLD: $426.40-426.90
per ounce Hongkong, Jan. 14, 2005

STOCK MARKET

PSE COMPOSITE INDEX



(See stock market report on Page B3)

Shares close 0.59% higher

SHARE prices closed 0.59 percent higher yesterday on bargain hunting in oversold blue chips, dealers said.

"They said some market players took profits early in the session on caution following Wall Street's overnight decline, but traders were quick to buy again once they noticed share prices had fallen far enough.

The Philippine Stock Exchange composite index gained 10.85 points to 1,878.38 after trading between 1,862.08 and 1,877.97.

Turnover totaled 2.49 billion shares worth P1.52 billion from 1.32 billion shares valued at P1.59 billion on Thursday.

The broader all shares index gained 3.41 points to 1,138.84.

Gainers led losers 38 to 31, with 41 stocks unchanged.

"We had a day when the market suffered a big drop, then followed by a rebound. It seems the market is undecided where to go. We will probably see more of what we're seeing today next week," said Jose Nolan of AB Capital Securities.

He said Wall Street's weak start to the year had made investors cautious, despite recent positive economic indicators from the Philippines.

Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. was the most actively traded stock, ending up P5 at P1,380.

Ayala Corp. gained 50 centavos to P7.30, while its real estate flagship Ayala Land Inc. was unchanged at P7.70.

Metro Pacific gained seven centavos to 47 centavos, while Bank of the Philippine Islands was up 50 centavos at P48.

San Miguel Corp. "B" shares, available to foreign investors, were steady at P70 while San Miguel Corp. "A" shares, limited to Filipino investors, went up 45 centavos at P68.50. *AFP*

Neda seen clearing MRT-7 project soon

By Clarissa S. Batino

ERC orders 6 electric co-ops to give back ₱124M to customers

By Abigail L. Ho



Frankly, my deal

BREAKTIME



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Foreign firms back . . .

SMC said to net P8B in 2004

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SMC aims for big league with Aussie bid

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RP edges closer to being delisted from money laundering blacklist

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6 firms get licenses for power facilities

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BIR not ready to implement new multi-rate VAT system

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SCIENCE/HEALTH

Meningococcemia: An ancient disease





BAGUIO'S vegetable vendors (top photo) have started selling face masks, while soldiers (above) spray disinfectant in vegetable stalls in the public market, which has been identified as the prime source of the meningococcemia infection in the country's summer capital.

Up to 10 days

Map-like rashes

Classifications

'Close contacts'

Are you taking the right medicine?



THE GOVERNMENT has been giving out antibiotic drugs to Baguio market vendors since December.

Brisk business

Costly vaccine

Know no fear

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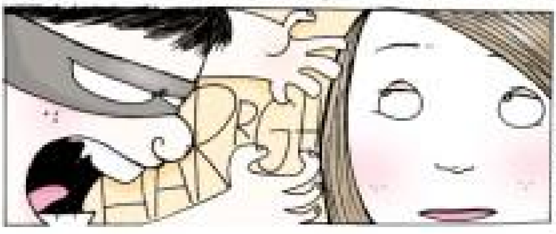


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THE BRAD-JEN SPLIT

No... It Can't Be!!!

By Pepe Diokno

THE BIGGEST news since the blackout of 1905 is that Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston have split up. After seven years of being together and four years in matrimony, Achilles and that girl from "Friends" are no longer together. One big news, people! Shed a tear.



Do it! Do it!

While the old school prepares for the Year of the Rooster, the youth in this side of the world are ushering in the Year of the Super! Idea

MOST of the time, we take astrological predictions with a rather large grain of salt. Think about it: It's so easy to come up with ambiguous—and at times, ludicrous—forecasts about events, trends and general perils of everyday life.

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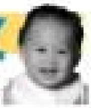
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To jive in 2005

By Janine Cuenca-Dario

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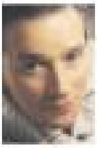
An open letter to Sandara Park

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Dear Ms Park,

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Russell Watson is this season's tune-nami

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Freeflow

Of Paradise found, Paradise lost and Paradise rediscovered

Photos by Mae de los Reyes

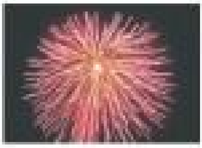
OUT THE WINDOW

TEN SECONDS to go before the last year ebbed and the new year flowed, the peppy host serving up the reggae set at Summer's Place in Boracay said something to the blissful crowd that caught my wave of reverie. "We're all ready to party? We're all feeling good? That's because we have a beautiful beach!"

Go flow

Time and Tsunami

Inner Seas



IN PRAISE OF THE SUNSET: Brazilian School of Capoeira kicks high in Boracay

JUST MY IMAGINATION? This may or may not have occurred





FLOWERS for Iemanja, queen of the sea

Oh caption, my caption!

We'll be back with a vengeance next week. Promise!



THERE is almost nothing that isn't funny.

That has been my life philosophy for the longest time.

It is still mostly true although as hard as I try, I can't find anything funny about that huge disaster that hit our neighbors.

Hey, it's perfectly all right for you to go out tonight and have some fun. There's no point in feeling guilty about that.

But maybe, later, when you are about to order your next beer or vodka latte, pause for a moment and remind yourself about all those people who probably still don't know what hit them.

Then, take that money you earmarked for that drink and put it in a separate pocket. On Monday, you'll send it to one of the many organizations that are helping those people, OK?

If you do that for me, I'll hereby graciously allow you to order your next drink and I hope you enjoy yourself tonight, because it won't help anybody if you feel miserable, too.





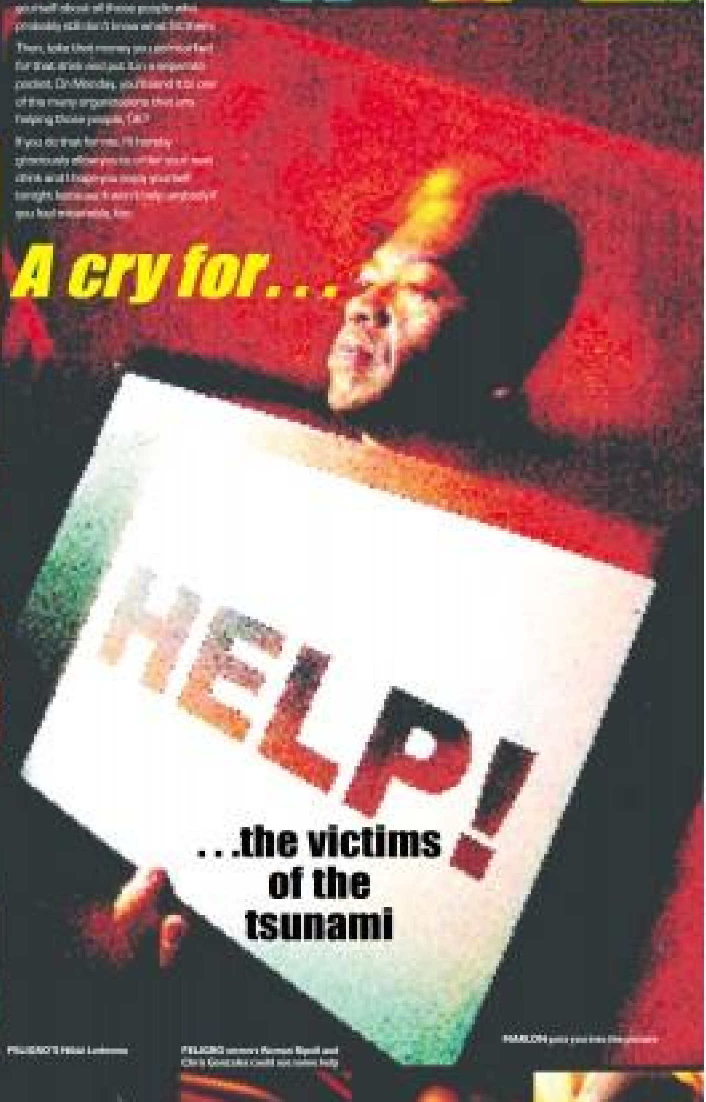
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A cry for. . .



. . .the victims of the tsunami









